

# Confetti Toss Mystery Quilt

By Monique Dillard

## Introduction

This month, we begin a new mystery quilt, **Confetti Toss**, by Monique Dillard of **Open Gate Quilts**. Monique was inspired to create this mystery quilt by all the wonderful new solids now available from a variety of manufacturers.

This will be a whirlwind mystery in only five parts. You'll cut one month, make blocks the next three, and then assemble the quilt in the fifth! The three blocks increase in difficulty each month. If you'd prefer a more masculine version, adjust the colors of the fat quarters accordingly. Just keep them bright and bold!

Monique Dillard's **Confetti Toss Mystery Quilt** will appear in five installments from May 2014 through September 2014.

Be sure to join the **Confetti Toss Mystery Quilt** group on [Pattern Pastiche](#), [The Quilt Pattern Magazine's](#) online quilters' forum. There, you can get answers to any questions you might have, share your progress, and see what others are doing. Don't forget you can post pictures of in-progress and finished **Confetti Toss Mystery Quilts** as well!

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## Part One - Cutting:

From the main fabric for background, cut:

- 2 (two) 5-3/4" x width of fabric strips. Subcut the strips into:
  - 8 (eight) 5-3/4" x 8" rectangles.
- 27 (twenty-seven) 3 1/2" x width of fabric strips. Subcut the strips into:
  - 41 (forty-one) 3-1/2" x 8" rectangles, and
  - 120 (one-hundred twenty) 3-1/2" squares.
  - Save the remaining 8 strips for the border.
- 20 (twenty) 2" x width of fabric strips. Subcut the strips into:
  - 40 (forty) 2" x 3 1/2" rectangles, and
  - 320 (three-hundred twenty) 2" squares.
- 6 (six) 1-1/4" x width of fabric strips. Subcut the strips into:
  - 40 (forty) 1-1/4" x 2" rectangles, and
  - 120 (one-hundred twenty) 1-1/4" squares.

## Fabric Requirements

Finished size: 66-1/2" x 74".  
42" wide quilting cottons recommended.

The fabrics listed make the entire quilt.

Choose either black, white, or another neutral for your background color.

- 4-1/2 yds solid for background
- 5 fat quarters in solid fabrics in pink, purple, blue, green, and orange for blocks
- 5/8 yd solid for binding
- 4 yds for backing
- Twin size batting

A 9" - 12" quilter's square ruler is useful for squaring up blocks.



Referring to the **Confetti Toss Assembly Diagram** below, lay out the completed Blocks #1, #2, and #3, as well as the 8 (eight) 5-3/4" x 8" rectangles and the 41 (forty-one) 3-1/2" x 8" rectangles of background fabric as shown. Make sure to mix up your blocks so that two blocks of the same color are not next to each other.

When you are satisfied with the arrangement, sew each row of blocks and sashing together. Press the seams toward the sashing.

Sew the rows together. Press the seams in any direction.

The quilt top should measure 60-1/2" x 68".

Sew 2 (two) 3-1/2" border strips right sides together, end-to-end, on the diagonal. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and press open. Repeat with the remaining border strips.

Cut 2 border strips 68" long (or measure the quilt from top to bottom and use that measurement). Sew the borders to the sides of the quilt top. Press the seams toward the added borders.

Cut 2 border strips 66-1/2" long (or measure the quilt across the center and use that measurement). Sew the borders to the top and bottom of the quilt top. Press the seams toward the added borders.

The quilt top should measure 66-1/2" x 74".

**Confetti Toss  
Assembly Diagram**

